ENDYMION:

OR THE

UNIVERSAL SATYRIST.

LONDON:

Printed for H. CARPENTER in *Fleetstreet*,

(Price Sixpence.)

4/0.
12. 17.
75.

ENDYMION:

OR, THE

Univerſal Satiriſt.

ENDYMION, Emperor of the Moon, Sovereign and Supreme Lord of all the Dominions, Territories, Continents and Iſlands thereunto belonging. To all ſuch his true and well-beloved Subjects who inhabit the Kingdoms of *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*, wiſhing Health and Proſperity, ſendeth greeting:

BE it known unto you, That nothing affords me a higher Degree of Pleaſure and Satisfaction, or can be more acceptable, than your inviolable Attachment to my Perſon, ſteady Adherence to my Government, and your due Submiſſion and

Obedience to my periodical Influence: It is this Duty, Fidelity and Affection, which you take every Inſtance of manifeſting, that conſtitutes and renders you truly worthy and deſerving of the antient and honourable Name of *Lunaticks*: And be aſſured, that whilſt you continue in your Loyalty to me, I ſhall ever acknowledge and eſteem you as dutiful and affectionate Subjects; and you may conſtantly depend on my Regard, Patronage and Favour.

The ready Obedience that you have always ſhowed to the Dictates and Commands of my three Vicegerents, *Folly*, *Caprice*, and *Whim*, gives me ample Demonſtration of your Zeal, Fidelity, and good Diſpoſition. As your Perſeverance in the ſame dutiful Behaviour muſt afford new Proofs of your Allegiance; ſo it will ever be remembered by me with the utmoſt Gratitude and Acknowledgment: And your firm Attachment to my Government, muſt ſignalize you in an eminent Degree above the reſt of Mankind. Tho' ſuch extraordinary Merit in my faithful Subjects cannot fail of exciting the Envy, Hatred and Malice of our Enemies; yet by continuing your Proceedings and Reſolutions, with the Ardour and Vigour of *Lunaticks*, you will manifeſt yourſelves true and loyal Subjects of my *Empire*: And by ſuch intrepid Conduct effectually

ally ſet aſide and deſtroy all thoſe falſe Arts and Inſinuations of your Enemies which are deſigned to injure, weaken, or interrupt that laſting Harmony which hath ever been, and I hope will always continue to ſubſiſt, between me and ſuch of my loving Subjects as inhabit the Kingdoms of *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*.

As I am not ignorant of the many Efforts and wicked Devices of our Enemies, to deſtroy the mutual Confidence between me and my People, ſo I cannot here avoid taking Notice of their opprobiouſly branding you with the Title of *Madmen*; by which invidious Denomination they would ſpitefully infer, that my Subjects had not the uſe of their Senſes in common with the reſt of Mankind, or that my Influence deprived you *Lunaticks* of the Exertion of your rational Faculties: Inſinuations baſe as unworthy! falſe as malicious!—Wherein do theſe boaſting Commanders of their *Reaſon* and *Senſes* excel you!——Is it in the *Indulgence* of the *Paſſions*, or the *Gratification* of their *Appetites*?—Surely in neither; as in theſe it has ever been my conſtant Care to continue and protect you, and wherein, by my Power and Influence, you far excel the reſt of the human Species; though perhaps you may not be altogether ſo well able to vie with them in the iniquitous Arts of *Venality* and *Peculation*, the mean Artifices of *Fraud* and

Corruption, or the ſcandalous *Proſtitution* of your *Perſons*, *Conſciences* and *Characters*.—But, leaving the vile Miſrepreſentations and Aſperſions of your Enemies to reflect on themſelves; I muſt here, in order to do you Juſtice, and in ſome Meaſure to compenſate your Dutifulneſs and Fidelity, take the Opportunity of acknowledging your extraordinary *Merits* and *Deſerts*, in your reſpective Ranks and Degrees, by ſpecifying them in ſuch a particular Manner as will point out the Excellency of your Behaviour, ſet your Conduct in the higheſt Light, and thereby beſtow on my People that Dignity and Reſpect, which juſtly belongs to all true *Lunaticks*; and muſt infallibly cruſh all the treacherous Inſinuations of your Enemies.

The ſincere Attachment that the Nobility of the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* have always ſhewn to my Government, affords me the greateſt Pleaſure: Whoſe Merit I cannot ſufficiently acknowledge in their exceſſive Propagation and Encouragement of all ſorts of *Luxury* and *Extravagance*; nor can I ever too much applaud their fervent Ardour, in ſquandering their Eſtates on foreign Singers and Fidlers; on domeſtic Whores, running Horſes, Dogs and Dice. Their Endeavours to ſurmount each other in *Ambition*, to excel in luxurious *Extravagance*, their *Avariticuſ-*

neſs

neſs in all domeſtic *Concerns*, and *Venality* in expoſing to Sale all Places of Truſt and Profit, that fall into their Diſpoſal, has ever been regarded by me with the greateſt Satisfaction. Nothing can afford me more Pleaſure, than when I behold the P—r haggling to abate a Penny in a Tradeſman's Bill, with the pitiful Meanneſs of a Pedlar, and the next Moment give twenty Guineas towards an *Opera*-Subſcription, with the Luxuriancy of an Eaſtern Monarch. The Care wherewith they propagate their Race on the Daughters of *Parſons*, and in the Families of *Mechanicks*, leaving the Occupation of their own Beds to the Drudgery of their able Servants, gives me the greateſt Delight; eſpecially when I behold the Induſtry of their *Ladies* in providing them luſty Heirs, to their Honours and Eſtates, from the vigorous Embraces of their *Butlers*, *Footmen*, and *Coachmen*.

Their laudable Thirſt after *Titles* and *Honours* is very conſpicuous; and the high Price paid for them, by the late *Acquirers*, even to almoſt the Total of their *Fortunes*, is an eminent Inſtance of their dutiful *Obedience* to my *Influence*.

The Affection of my R——t Rev——d Subjects is evidently manifeſt, from their Zeal for *Mammon*, and conſtant Attention to his Service; together with their due Regard

gard for the reſpective Callings of *Ambition*, *Luxury* and *Avarice*, their ſteady Adherence to the Tenets of *Time-ſerving*, their laudable Endeavours to promulgate and extend the ſame throughout their ſeveral Dioc—ſes, and their conſtant Preaching and Practice of *Corruption*, deſerve the utmoſt Praiſe.—— And I cannot forbear expreſſing my Satisfaction, on ſeeing a Perſon ſo eminently endowed with Pride and Arrogance, worthily preferred among you, at this Inſtant, to the Dignity of *Pontifex Maximus*. As I have always experienced the greateſt Fidelity and Duty from the C——ns of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, eſpecially when aſſembled in Par———t, ſo it behoves me not to let their extraordinary Merit paſs undiſtinguiſhed. The Ardour with which they *mortgage* and *expend* their *Eſtates*, for the Support of their *Intereſts* at *Elections*.—— Their readineſs in burdening *Poſterity* with new Taxes and Impoſitions, to gratify every Demand of an avaritious and craving Min—ry.—— Their continual Grants of *Thouſands* of *Land Forces*, to be ſacrificed to the Mercenarineſs of their *Allies*; —and of an innumerable Number of Seamen to be employed in *Idleneſs*;— lie rotting in *Harbours*, and be *deſtroyed* by the unwholeſomneſs of *Proviſions*: — Their ſuffering the *Debt* of the *Navy* continually to encreaſe on their Hands, without permitting any Enquiry in the Cauſes thereof; —their Neglect

of

of ſcutinizing into the *victualling* of the *Fleets*, and examining into thoſe Proviſions that continually leſſen the Number of their *Seamen*;——their winking at all the Frauds committed in public *Employments*, and annually compenſating for thoſe Deficiencies which they occaſion in the Grants of the preceding Seſſion.——Their Zeal for bringing *public Rebels* to Juſtice, whilſt they permit ſecret Traitors, and Enemies to their Country, to enjoy Employments, and paſs unpuniſhed:—Their conſtant Unanimity on all theſe Occaſions, gives me the firmeſt Aſſurance of their great Regard, and ſincere Attachment to my Perſon and Government.

The many affectionate and dutiful Inſtances of all thoſe my Subjects concerned in the Adm—ſt—n of public Affairs, have ever been the Objects of my Attention, and deſerve the moſt grateful Acknowledgment: As it is owingt o their arduous Endeavours, that my Influence has been ſo univerſally extended through all Ranks and Degrees of my People: And I am particularly beholden to the eminent Services done me by the two *Broth—rs* at the Helm, as they have ſhewn the utmoſt Fidelity to my Commands on all Occaſions. The great Benefits accruing to themſelves, and to all other my Subjects, from their Vigilance and Induſtry, together with that of their *Colleagues* and *Coadjutors*, and the extraordinary Merit of the

the whole *Coalition*, on my Behalf, deſerve my public Thanks. Such, indeed, has been the ſignal Behaviour of all the Min—ry toward me, on every Occaſion, that I muſt confeſs I am never better pleaſed, than when I am beſtowing my brighteſt Illumination, and pouring out my ſtrongeſt Influences upon them, at their nocturnal Aſſemblies for the Good of my People.——It is then that I ſhine with uncommon Splendor, as I behold my Beams encreaſe in Strength, by the ſtrong Reflexions they receive from their radiant Breaſts. Nor have I ever, lately, looked down upon a C——l B——d, without receiving uncommon Satisfaction, on conſtantly perceiving their Proceedings and Reſolutions ſo exactly to quadrate with my Maxims of Government.—And I ſhould think myſelf greatly inexcuſable in not publickly acknowledging the *effectual* Manner of their carrying on a long, tedious, expenſive, and unneceſſary War ;—and that chiefly on the Continent, where they are certain to reap the leaſt Advantage.—Their liberal Encreaſe of the Public *Debts* and *Taxes*.—Their profound Obedience to the *arbitrary* Dictates, and *avaritious* Demands of every little Ally.—Their readily ſacrificing the Credit, Blood and Treaſure of their Country to foreign Intereſts ;—and Thouſands of the common People to the Cowardice and Treachery of their Neighbours.—Their Neglect inprotecting and extending

of

of *Trade* and *Commerce*.—Their continual engaging themſelves, and Poſterity, into inextricable Difficulties, on the moſt trifling Occaſions; and bouying up the People between *Hope* and *Fear*, till they are inevitably plunged into utter *Deſtruction*.——— Their trifling with War, as dangerous to their Conſtitution as edge Tools:—and their jeſting with Peace, the Mother of Plenty and Commeree, and as ſalutary to the Nation as Balm of *Gilead*. All which evidently demonſtrate their inviolable Perſeverance in the true Principles of *Lunacy*. Nor can I tax them with the leaſt Deviation therefrom in any Inſtance, except their Endeavours to eclipſe the Glory of their Roy—l Maſter; confining his Perſon and Benignity within the narrow Circle of themſelves, and their Proſtitutes, and thereby depriving others of my People from exerting their Talents for Government. As this ſeems to border too much upon the Principles of Kna—ry, to be conſiſtent with the Practice of *Lunacy*, I cannot forbear taking Notice thereof, being perſuaded, that on ſignifying my Diſpleaſure, it will ocaſion their ſpeedy Amendment therein.

The Fidelity of the whole Body of the Cl—gy cannot fail of being exceeding grateful to me; nor am I able, ſufficiently, to expreſs my Acknowledgment for their Zeal to my Government. The Incongruity of

 their

their *Doctrines* and *Practice*, their Neglect of *humane* and *moral Duties*; together with their exceſſive *Pride*, *Arrogance*, *Covetouſneſs*, *Senſuality*, Preference of earthly Enjoyments, idolizing the Golden Image, ſo eminently and conſtantly adhering to the Imaginations of *Reaſon*, rather than to the Dictates of *Revelation*, teſtifying the Extenſion of my Influence amongſt them, as muſt afford me the greateſt Satisfaction; eſpecially, as I perceive theſe their good Diſpoſitions toward me to be daily encreaſing.

The Gentlemen of the long Robe merit my peculiar Thanks, for their conſtant Service and Induſtry, in endeavouring to make Wrong appear Right, and to confound Law and Equity. Their many and different Interpretations of the ſame Law, their perplexing of Caſes, puzzling and protracting of Cauſes, long Delays, high Bills and Fees, continual ſowing of Diſſention, and ſpreading Animoſity and Ill-will, has cauſed ſuch Diſtraction amongſt Mankind, as has conſiderably enlarged the Number of my Subjects. And as my Influence encreaſes the Number of their Clients, they, in return, generally do their utmoſt to extend my Power, by their Proceedings and Practice, as the noble College of *Bethlem*, and the numerous private *Seminaries* in and about *London* evidently teſtify.

The

The Profeſſors of *Medicine* have done me many ſignal Favours and Kindneſſes; and I am ſorry that I cannot repoſe ſo much Confidence in them as I could wiſh, owing to heinous Practices to ſome amongſt them to pervert my loving Subjects from their *Allegiance*; although ſuch traitorous Attempts have generally rather encreaſed their Loyalty and Subjection, than diminiſhed my Power over them: As the Knavery of the *Phyſician* has often occaſioned the *Lunacy* of the *Patient*, maugre their Endeavours to conceal it, by frequently diſpatching them, in ſuch Caſes, to other *Regions* beyond the Extent of my *Dominions*.

The numerous Sectaries of *Preſbyterians*, *Anabaptiſts*, *Independants* and *Quakers*, have always behaved with that Duty and Submiſſion to my Sway, as muſt be ever imprinted in my Memory, and their conſtant Hatred of each other, affords me much Pleaſure. The moſt noble Party of *Freethinkers* demonſtrate their Loyalty to me, by their great Diſregard of *Religion*, and their continual Promotion of *Libertiniſm* and *Licentiouſneſs*: They, together with *Atheiſts* and *Deiſts*, to whoſe Services I am highly indebted, may depend on my particular Regard and Attention, and due influencing of their *Genius* and *Talents* for *Ridicule*; ſo exceedingly fertile on the moſt

ſerious Occaſions. I ſhould think myſelf very remiſs in my Acknowledgments, was I to omit this Opportunity of returning Thanks to my *zealous* Subjects diſtinguiſhed by the Name of *Methodiſts*; as their Doctrines has always promoted *Deſpair*, a certain Token of true *Lunacy*, whereby great Numbers of my People continually manifeſt their Attachment to my Intereſts. The dark deſpairing State of *theſe* my People, and inward Illuminations of the *Quakers*, are too ſtrong Buttreſſes to my *Government*, and contribute greatly to the Support of my *Dominion* over my Subjects.

The Honourable Society of *Gameſters* merit too much at my Hands to have their many Services paſſed over by me, or forgotten. On the Principles of *Lunacy* their Profeſſion is founded; and the Practice of their Arts illuſtrate its Maxims; inſomuch, that wherever *Gaming* prevails, my Influence gains a ſtrong Foundation; and, by this Current, is plentifully diſtributed throughout all Ranks and Degrees of my beloved People.

The loving Brotherhood of *Foxhunters* have always behaved to me with the greateſt Loyalty and Fidelity; and have conſtantly deſerved my Eſteem by the Dutifulneſs of their Actions. Their neglecting of all ſocial and family Duties, to ſpend their Lives in the Purſuit of a *Hare*, or a *ſtinking Fox*,

ſhews

ſhews the *ſtrongeſt Reliſh* for my Injunctions. And I always look upon their laviſhly ſquandering their Eſtates amongſt a Kennel of Hounds, to be as Generous and Praiſe-worthy an Action, as moſt performed by my Subjects, and in which the Generality of *Country 'Squires* do eminently excel.

The Merit of the middling Gentry has been very conſpicuous to me; eſpecially in their endeavouring to excel the *Nobility* in the moſt ſplendid Luxury and riotous Extravagance: thereby deſtroying their ſmall Fortunes, and reducing themſelves and their Poſterity to the State of *Beggary*; which I always look upon as a peculiar Inſtance of their Affection towards me.

The Productions of my truely loyal and loving Subjects the *Poets*, have been always very acceptable to me; eſpecially that of my well-beloved *Poet-Laureat*, the celebrated *Co—ey C—bb—r* Eſq; as his annual Odes have conſtantly merited the *judicious* Eſteem and Applauſe of all my People; and he may depend upon a laſting Continuance of my Favour, by aſſiſting his *Muſe* with my ſtrongeſt Inſpirations; that thereby ſhe may breathe forth her Strains in the true poetic Spirit of *Lunacy*, to the Encreaſe of her Maſter's Renown, and my Glory.

The

The *Mathematicians* of the preſent Age continually merit my Applauſe, by their conſtant *Inveſtigation* of *inſoluble Problems*, and their ample and evident *Demonſtrations* of the ſimpleſt Things in Nature, and ſuch as are obvious at firſt View to the meaneſt Underſtanding. And I recommend it to their Iuduſtry to continue the Search of the *Longitude*, and *perpetual Motion*; and that they will by no Means deſiſt from their Attempts to *Square the Circle*, let the Impoſſibility thereof be ever ſo conſpicuous.

The many ſuperb Buildings, and ſumptuous Edifices erected by *Architects*, are exceeding pleaſant to me; eſpecially as I generally obſerve the Excellency of their *Taſte*, in preferring *Superfluity* to *Symmetry*, *Statelineſs* to *Neatneſs*, and *Ornament* to *Conveniency*, on every Occaſion.

The indefatigable Endeavours of my good Subjects the *Chymiſts*, in their continual and laborious Reſearches after the *Univerſal Elixir*, and the *Philoſophers Stone*, deſerve my peculiar Notice: as in their Attempts towards the Diſcovery of the latter they ſtrive to ſurpaſs *Solomon*, who, notwithſtanding the Excellency of his *Wiſdom*, was obliged to be at the Trouble and Expence of fetching his Gold from the Mines of *Ophir*,

and

and tranſporting it in the Ships of good King *Hiram*.

It is with much Satisfaction that I behold the continual Increaſe of the loving Community of *Free Maſons*; and the many magnificent Caſtles, and other Buildings, that have been loftily erected in the *Air*, will be durable Monuments of their Skill, to the great Mortification of all *Eves-droppers* and *Cowens*. And their Proficiency in *Lunacy* is evident to the whole World, by their firm Belief of thoſe *Traditions* concerning their *Antiquity*, which place the Practice of *Maſonry* in thoſe early Ages, when Mankind dwelt in *Caves* and *Mud-built* Huts.

The many Inſtances of Loyalty and Fidelity, that I have received from *Merchants*, *Tradeſmen*, *Artificers*, *Mechanicks*, and other inferior Degrees of my Subjects, afford me much Pleaſure and Satisfaction; and effectually ſupport that laſting *Union*, which I hope will ever ſubſiſt between me and my People. Their univerſal Encouragemeut of *Vice*, *Immorality*, *Luxury* and *Extravagance*, and the Neglect of their reſpective Buſineſs and Calling, for the Gratification of their Appetites in their favourite *Pleaſures*, and darling Enjoyments, highly merits my Eſteem and Protection, and will ever, by me, be gratefully remembered. As like

true

true *Lunaticks* they conſtantly defy even *Poverty* and *Rags*, to deter them from indulging their *Taſtes* and *Paſſions*, for the favourite and reigning Vices of the Great.

The high and extraordinary Degree of *Merit*, that my *Male-Subjects* have acquired, by their conſtant Perſeverance in the moſt dutiful Affection and Fidelity, does not in the leaſt eclipſe the Deſert of thoſe of the *Female Sex*, that inhabit the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; amongſt whom my Dominion is ſo well founded, and firmly eſtabliſhed, as never to admit of the leaſt Decay. Their invariable Attachment to my *Intereſts* and *Influence*, which they conſtantly take every Occaſion of manifeſting, muſt greatly endear them to me, who am always highly delighted at their *Excellencies*. It is to the *Ladies* that I in a great Meaſure am indebted, for extending and confirming my Sway over the *Male Sex*; and however repugnant Women may be in their Obeiſance to other Rule, eſpecially to that of their Huſbands; yet I ſhall always do them the Juſtice to acknowledge their extraordinary Conformity and Submiſſion to my Government. To this is owing their conſtant ſacrificing their domeſtic Concerns for trifling Pleaſures, and creating the utmoſt Uneaſineſs to their *Huſbands* and *Children*, that it is in their Power to beſtow on them.

Their

Their ſincere Love for *Operas*, *Plays*, *Maſquerades*, Balls, Aſſemblies, Drums, Riots, Routs, Revels, and all Manner of expenſive Diverſions, both publick and private, afford me many Inſtances of their Eſteem and Affection for my Perſon; and their Loyalty is evidently conſpicuous, in diſregarding the Welfare of themſelves and their Families, for my Service; and giving up their Huſbands to Poverty, in order to follow my Injunctions; or, in Obedience to the Commands of my three beloved Vicegerents, *Folly*, *Whim*, and *Caprice*, who have never failed to ſignify to me the dutiful Behaviour of the Female Sex; and both from their Teſtimony, and my own particular Obſervance, I declare my peculiar Pleaſure and Satisfaction, in ſuch loving and faithful Subjects, whoſe numerous Services are too many to be recounted, and will always merit my greateſt Attention the more they continue to increaſe, which I have not the Reaſon to doubt of, as they take particular Care to inculcate the Principles of *Lunacy* in their Offſpring, and endeavour, with the greateſt Aſſiduity, to make their Children tread in the ſame Steps as themſelves have trod before them, thereby perpetuating my Government to the lateſt Poſterity.

The many ſignal Marks of Regard and Eſteem that I have received from the *united Brotherhood* of *Placémen*, have given me ſingular Satisfaction, and demand my publick Acknowledgment. Their peculiar Readineſs in ſacrificing *Character*, *Honour*, and *Honeſty*, to obtain their ſeveral Poſts; and the indefatigable Induſtry with which they continually accompliſh all the *dirty Drudgery*, that is impoſed on them by the *arbitrary* Commands of a *deſpotick M—ry*, afford me the ſtrongeſt Aſſurances of their *Attachment* to my *Government*. And it is with particular Pleaſure that I behold the Zeal of *theſe* my People, in being the Implements of *corrupt* Meaſures and *inſolent* Power.——Their conſtant Delight in the Practice and Encouragement of all Manner of *Fraud*, their ſincere Love for *Perquiſite*, and ſtrong Affection for *Bribery*, together with their extraordinary *Capacity* in the Acquiſition of *Plunder* and *Rapine*, and great *Genius* and *Ability* for *Indolence* on all other *Occaſions*, are very agreeable to me, as they cannot but be of eminent Service, for the Support and Enlargement of my *Power* and *Dominion*, over the reſt of their *Fellow-Subjects*.

As this Part of my People is very capacious, and extends itſelf into numerous Branches;

Branches ; ſo it becomes me here to take Notice of the peculiar Deſert of ſome of the chief thereof. In doing which, the extraordinary *Merit* of my good and truſty Subjects who preſide at the B——d of Tr————y, offers itſelf particularly to my Attention ; and I muſt confeſs, that I am highly pleaſed with their conſtant Application to the *Miſmanagement* and *Profuſion* of the publick M—y, their ill-concerted Schemes, and fruitleſs, yet extravagantly expenſive, private *Jobs* ; the Dearneſs of the *Bargains* which they contract for the Service of the Publick, and their ſtrong *Union*, cloſe *Confederacy*, and joint *Part—c—pation* with *Jews* and *Stockjobbers* in all iniquitous *Schemes* for the Detriment of the Nation, afford me great Delight, as they are the ſureſt Means to impreſs the Spirit of *Lunacy* on the Minds of the People ; in the Propagation of which, the extraordinary Diligence of young Maſter *H——y*, the firſt Com————r, deſerves my higheſt *Encomiums* ; eſpecially, for the great Care he has been at, to *deprive* my People of that *Light* and *Sunſhine*, which has ever been found very injurious to true *Lunaticks* ; and it is to his Induſtry that I recommend the *Aſſeſſment* of the *Air*, of which many of my People, who labour under the Affliction of *empty Stomachs*, occaſioned by *high Taxes*, very often take too large *Draughts* to their great Detriment.

The many Teſtimonies of Loyalty that I daily receive from the good Affections of my loving Subjects the C————rs of the Ad————ty, muſt needs render that B—d very dear to me; and it is with the greateſt Pleaſure that I behold their *Preſident* direct and govern your numerous Fleets and Squadrons, by the ſame Rules, and with the ſame Dexterity, as he ſteers the little *Yatch* in the Fiſh Pond at *W——rn*; which manifeſtly evinces his ſteady Adherence to the *Maxims* of *L——cy*, and evidently ſhews, that a thorough Knowledge and Skill in the Management of Maritime Affairs, may be perfectly acquired without the Trouble of going a *Voyage*, or the Danger of venturing upon *Salt Water*.————The many little *Trips* that his *Brother C————r* makes croſs the *Herring-Pond*, upon every Wind, give me much Delight; his endeavouring to exceed the nimbleſt *Courier* in *Speed*, and to excell the ableſt *Miniſter* in *Negociations* afford me ſuch Inſtances of his Abilities, as I do not doubt, from his Talent in the latter, but, that in Time, he will be able to conclude a Treaty of Neutrality betwixt the *Britiſh* Ships and the *Ocean*; whereby, for the future, neither ſhall be able to treſpaſs on each other, as they have hitherto done; but that your Commerce ſhall be confined within yourſelves at Home, and your Defence entirely

entirely truſted to your good Friends and Allies Abroad, together with ſuch Forces of yours as ſhall be employed in their Service. As ſuch a Treaty, could it be brought to bear, would be founded upon the true Principles of Lunacy, ſo it could not fail of affording me the greateſt Satisfaction, on beholding ſo ſtrong an Inſtance of my People's giving themſelves up entirely to my Government. The great Affection which that Right Honourable C————r has ſhewn me, who encompaſſed the *Terreſtrial Globe* in ſearch of a *Fortune*, by readily exchanging it for *Tit—s* and *Gewgaws*, muſt ever merit my Favour. And indeed the Love of the whole B——d has ever been conſpicuous to me, by their conſtant Practices for the good of the N—y; particularly, by confining ſuch Numbers of *Mariners* aboard their *Guard Ships*, and other *Nurſeries*, as daily occaſion their great Decreaſe; their ſo effectually protecting the *Trade and Commerce* of my Subjects, by their *conſtant Appointment of numerous and able C-nv-ys*; and their ſincere Endeavours to ſcreen the F——ds of their *Coadjutors*, in the other O——ces under their Inſpection, from the Examination of the Publick. Theſe, and other their good Services upon my Account, I ſhall ever hold in the greateſt Eſtimation, and have enjoined two of my loving Vicegerents, *Folly* and *Whim*, to have a conſtant Eye upon their Proceeding and Reſolutions, to ſuccour

and

and ſupport them with the utmoſt of their Advice and Aſſiſtance, for the Good of my People, and conſtantly to report to me their particular *Merits* on all Occaſions.

I cannot take Leave of my People, without expreſſing the higheſt Satisfaction at the conſtant Loyalty, and ſtedfaſt Attachment, of all my Subjects in general; the Increaſe of whoſe Numbers does not occaſion the leaſt Variation in their Sentiments, and Affection towards me. And they may remain perfectly aſſured, that their Welfare and Protection has always been, and will ever continue, the chief Object of my Care and Attention. As nothing can be more pleaſing, or give me greater Satisfaction, than to ſee *Lunacy* extend itſelf, even in the moſt remote Corners of my Dominions, ſo the Maxims whereof ſhall be the invariable Rule of my Government. And my People may rely on their own hearty vigorous Exertion in my Cauſe, as the ſureſt Recommendation, to the higheſt Degree, of my Eſteem and Favour.

Given at our Royal Palace on Mons Menelaus, *in the Lunar Region, in the Five Thouſand, Six Hundred, and Ninety-Sixth Year of our Reign.*

Signed,

By his Imperial Majeſty's Command,

Mad Tom, Secr.

F I N I S.

eir
my
eir

th-
the
ent,
e of
east
tion
per-
ro-
nti-
ten-
, or
nacy
mote
xims
my
y on
n my
o the
vour.

elaus,
usand,
ar of

,
Secr.